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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, OCON, UNESCO, IV

SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR  
INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 235117

1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR INTER-  
NATIONAL CONFERENCES DIGUINI AND BRIEFLY WITH  
DIRECTOR OF CABINET NOUAMA TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING  
UNESCO MEETING AND POSITION TO BE TAKEN ON ISRAEL'S  
INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN GROUP. DIGUINI SAID FINAL  
IVORIAN DECISION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT RETURN OF  
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET FROM PARIS AND FONMIN USHER  
FROM NEW YORK. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IVORY COAST  
WAS PERHAPS MOST SYMPATHETICALLY INCLINED TOWARDS  
ISRAEL OF ALL AFRICAN STATES. IVORY COAST HAD SENT A  
TRADE DELEGATION TO ISRAEL THIS SUMMER (WHICH RECEIVED  
NO PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER) AND STAYED ON FRIENDLY TERMS  
WITH ISRAEL DESPITE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.  
FYI: ISRAEL MAINTAINS A DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE  
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HERE IN BELGIAN EMBASSY WHO HAS READY ACCESS TO HIGH  
LEVEL IVORIAN AUTHORITIES. END FYI. BOTH DIGUINI AND

NOUAMA WERE IMPRESSED WITH ARGUMENT THAT CONTINUED  
EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM REGIONAL GROUPING MIGHT  
JEOPARDIZE U.S. PARTICIPATION AND RESULT IN CONGRESS  
CONTINUING TO WITHHOLD FUNDS. THEY WERE ALSO AWARE  
OF PRESTIGE FACTOR INVOLVED FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW.

2. EMBASSY'S INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT IVORY COAST  
WILL GIVE SERIOUS AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO  
SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S ADHESION TO EUROPEAN GROUP, AND  
WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO OPPOSE IT. FONOFF WILL INFORM  
US WHEN DECISION IS MADE.  
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